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**PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of JC Xu et al.

Group Art Unit: 1642

Application No.: 09/030,606

Filed: February 25, 1998

For: COMPOSITIONS FOR IMMUNODIAGNOSIS OF PROSTATE CANCER AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE

Examiner: M. Davis

Docket No.: 210121.428c3

**DECLARATION OF DR. DAVIN DILLON**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231

The undersigned, Dr. Davin Dillon, hereby declares:

1. I am a Scientist and Project Group Leader at Corixa Corporation, the assignee of the subject application, and an inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the subject patent application.
2. It is well known to those of skill in the art that prostate cells are not found in the blood of normal healthy individuals. However, when an individual is inflicted with prostate cancer, the prostate tumor is able to break through the membrane surrounding the prostate thereby permitting both normal prostate and prostate tumor cells to enter the capillaries and get into the blood stream. Thus the presence of either normal prostate or prostate tumor cells in the blood or serum of an individual is indicative of the presence of prostate cancer.

3. The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are

believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements, and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.



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Davin Dillon, Ph.D.

April 11, 2001  
Date